

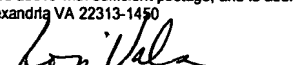
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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>06300/HG</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2004/018858</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>10 DECEMBER 2004</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/581403</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>METHOD FOR DETERMINING STRAIN HARDENING PROPERTY OF LINE PIPE</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>10 DECEMBER 2003</b>
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Nobuhisa SUZUKI; and Katsumi MASAMURA</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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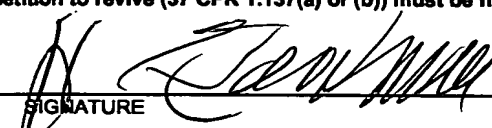
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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee..... \$300				\$	300.00
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